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Exemplifying the Mixing of Research Methods: Triangulating on student drawings

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Abstract

Mixing research methods is seen as an important method for triangulating across different research paradigms. However, triangulation is challenging since confirmation of findings is difficult to establish (Harris & Brown, 2010). Techniques for and challenges in mixing qualitative and quantitative data collection and data analysis are outlined making use of two series of research studies that use a projective drawing technique. The first is a study that mixes student drawings of feedback with self-reported surveys (Harris, Brown, & Harnett, 2014) and the second is the use of student drawings of assessment to develop a self-reported survey (Brown & Wang, 2015).

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